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LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claims 1 – 40. (Canceled)

Claim 41. (Currently Amended) A computer-based method for allocating parental funds in preestablished accounts for use by children, comprising:

providing a bank or credit account containing parental funds for allocation to at least one child;

creating a secondary account file with an internet music file supplier accessible by a child for spending on internet music purchases; and

periodically transferring directly and automatically to said secondary account file ~~at least a portion of the funds in~~ from said bank or credit account an allowance payment for use by said child to purchase and transfer music files over the internet using a personal computer;

wherein said steps of creating a secondary account file and periodically transferring funds from said bank or credit account to said secondary account are performed using information supplied by said parent over the internet using a personal computer.

Claim 42. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, further comprising the step of storing information on said internet music purchases ~~–ing~~.

Claim 43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 42, further comprising the step of supplying to said parent said purchase information.

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Claim 44. (Original) The method of claim 43, wherein said supplying step is performed periodically.

Claim 45. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, wherein said ~~funds are allowance payment~~ is transferred weekly or monthly.

Claims 46 - 47. (Canceled)

Claim 48. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, further comprising the step of limiting how ~~said allowance payment funds~~ in said secondary account file may be spent in response to command instructions from said fund depositor, wherein said limit on ~~said allowance payment funds~~ is a limit on transaction amount or a limit according to music content.

Claim 49. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 41, wherein said limit on ~~said allowance payment funds~~ is a limit on transaction amount.

Claim 50. (Original) The method of claim 49, wherein said limit on transaction amount is a periodic limit

Claim 51. (Original) The method of claim 50, wherein said limit on transaction amount is a weekly or monthly limit.

Claims 52 - 53. (Canceled)

Claim 54. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 48, wherein said limit on ~~said funds allowance payment~~ is a content limit.

Claim 55. (Original) The method of claim 54, wherein said content limit is according to artist, genre or content rating.

Claims 56 - 58. (Canceled)